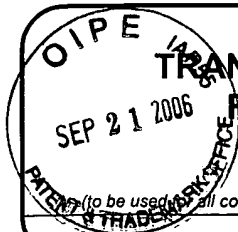
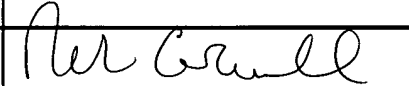


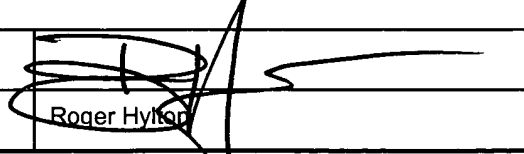
3621 IFW

PTO/SB/21 (07-06)

 <p><b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b></p> <p>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</p> <p>Total Number of Pages in This Submission</p>	Application Number	09/841,883
	Filing Date	April 24, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Masao Mougi
	Art Unit	3621
	Examiner Name	Cristina O. Sherr
	Attorney Docket Number	16869P-025800US

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): USPTO form SB08A (one page), copy of European search report for EP01109049, Return Postcard		
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Remarks</td> <td>The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 20-1430.</td> </tr> </table>			Remarks	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 20-1430.
Remarks	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 20-1430.			

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Name	Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP		
Signature			
Printed name	Robert C. Colwell		
Date	9/18/06	Reg. No.	27,431

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING		
<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.</p>		
Signature		
Typed or printed name	Roger Hyman	Date 9/18/06

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-025800US  
Client Reference No.: 340000346US1

On SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By:   
Roger Hyton



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Masao MOUGI et al.

Application No.: 09/841,883

Filed: April 24, 2001

For: PROGRAM LICENSE KEY  
ISSUING METHOD AND ISSUING  
SYSTEM

Confirmation No.: 6133

Examiner: Cristina O. Sherr

Art Unit: 3621

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report for the corresponding European patent application EP01109049. Examiner please note that several of the references cited by the European examiner are already of record in the present application. Only the newly discovered references are cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR §1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

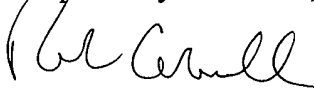
This IDS is being filed before the mailing date of the final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Colwell  
Reg. No. 27,431

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: 650-326-2400  
Fax: 650-326-2422  
RCC:rmh

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/841,883
Filing Date	April 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masao Mougi
Art Unit	3621
Examiner Name	Cristina O. Sherr
Attorney Docket Number	16869P-025800US

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	US-5,790,664	08-04-1998	Coley et al.	
	2	US-5,784,460	07-21-1998	Blumenthal et al.	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.